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.01 Surface Water Quality Protection

- A. Purpose. To protect surface water quality, this State shall adopt water quality standards to:
 - (1) Protect public health or welfare;
 - (2) Enhance the quality of water;
 - (3) Protect aquatic resources; and
 - (4) Serve the purposes of the Federal Act.
- B. Water Quality Standards.
 - (2) Water quality standards shall, wherever attainable, provide water quality for the designated uses of:
 - (b) Fishing;
 - (c) Propagation of fish, other aquatic life, and wildlife...

.02 Designated Uses

- A. General.
 - (1) Waters of this State shall, wherever attainable, be protected for the basic uses of water contact recreation, fishing, protection of aquatic life and wildlife, and agricultural and industrial water supply as identified in Use I.
- B. Specific Designated Uses.
 - (1) Use I: Water Contact Recreation, and Protection of Aquatic Life. This use designation includes waters which are suitable for:
 - (c) Fishing;
 - (d) The growth and propagation of fish (other than trout), other aquatic life, and wildlife;
 - (2) Use I-P: Water Contact Recreation, Protection of Aquatic Life, and Public Water Supply. This use designation includes:
 - (a) All uses identified for Use I....
 - (3) Use II: Shellfish Harvesting Waters. This use designation includes waters where:
 - (a) Shellfish are propagated, stored, or gathered for marketing purposes; and
 - (b) There are actual or potential areas for the harvesting of oysters, softshell clams, hardshell clams, and brackish water clams.
 - (4) Use III: Natural Trout Waters. This use designation includes waters which have the potential for or are:
 - (a) Suitable for the growth and propagation of trout; and
 - (b) Capable of supporting self-sustaining trout populations and their associated food organisms.
 - (5) Use III-P: Natural Trout Waters and Public Water Supply. This use designation includes:
 - (a) All uses identified for Use III waters; and...
 - (6) Use IV: Recreational Trout Waters. This use designation includes cold or warm waters which have the potential for or are:

- (a) Capable of holding or supporting adult trout for put-and-take fishing; and
 - (b) Managed as a special fishery by periodic stocking and seasonal catching.
- (7) Use IV-P: Recreational Trout Waters and Public Water Supply. This use designation includes:
 - (a) All uses identified for Use IV waters; and...